

## CHAPTER 10

### APPURTENANCES

#### A. SERVICE DEVICES

Devices are affixed to service or suspension ribbons to denote additional awards or participation in a specific event. Numerous devices have been authorized for the various decorations and service awards awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States. In most instances, the Services determine the manner in which these devices shall be worn. However, in the case of Defense awards, the devices to be worn are determined by the ASD(FMP). The devices that have been authorized for wear on the service and suspension ribbons of Defense awards are:

1. Oak-Leaf Cluster. Oak-leaf clusters are issued in three sizes and two colors. The larger size is worn on the suspension ribbon of the medal, the middle size on the service ribbon, and the smaller size on the miniature medals and ribbons. The two colors are bronze and silver. The bronze oak-leaf cluster is used for the 2nd through the 5th, 7th through 10th, etc., entitlement or award. A silver oak-leaf cluster is used for the 6th, 11th, and so forth, entitlement or award, or instead of five bronze oak-leaf clusters. The oak-leaf cluster is worn on ~~the~~ service and suspension ribbon of all Defense decorations and the JMUA (with the exception of the Coast Guard).

2. Service Stars. The service star is a bronze or silver five-pointed star, 3/16 inch in diameter. A silver star is worn instead of five bronze service stars. The service star is worn on the Prisoner of War Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

3. Antarctica Service Medal Clasp. That is a bronze, gold, or silver bar, 1/4-inch wide and 1/2-inches long, bearing the words "Wintered Over." It is worn only on the suspension ribbon of the medal. The clasp is authorized for personnel who stay on the Antarctic continent during the winter months. The bronze clasp represents the first winter-over, the gold clasp the second winter, and the silver clasp the third and later winters. Only one clasp may be worn on the suspension ribbon.

4. "V" (Valor) Device. That device is a metallic bronze, letter "V" that represents valor. It is worn on the suspension and service ribbon of the **JSCM** when the **medal** was awarded for acts or service involving direct participation in combat operations on or after June 25, 1963. (When worn with gold stars, the "V" device is always worn centered on the service ribbon. **When** worn with oak-leaf clusters, the "V" device is worn to the wearer's right of the clusters. Only one "V" device is worn, regardless of the number of times earned.).

## B. GOLD STAR LAPEL BUTTON

1. The Gold Star Lapel Button authorized by 10 U.S.C. 1126 (reference (uu)) is made up of a gold star 1/4 inch in diameter mounted on a purple disk 3/4 inch in diameter. The star is surrounded by gold laurel leaves in a wreath 5/8 inch in diameter. The opposite side bears the inscription, "United States of America Act of Congress, August 1966," with space for engraving the initials of the recipient. The button shall be available with pin-joint and safety-catch fastener or with pin and clutch-type fastener at the option of the recipient. (That button is identical to those previously authorized, except for the date of enactment inscribed on the reverse. Gold Star Lapel Buttons inscribed "August 1947" may be issued until present inventories are exhausted.)

2. The Gold Star Lapel Button shall be distributed to the widow, widower (remarried or not), each parent (mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother through adoption, father through adoption, and foster parents who stood in loco parentis), each child, each brother, each sister, each half-brother, each half-sister, each step-child, and each adopted child of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States who lost his or her life under any of the following conditions:

a. During World War I, World War II, or any subsequent period of armed hostilities in which the United States was engaged before July 1, 1958.

b. While engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or while serving with friendly forces engaged in an armed conflict in which the United States is not a belligerent party against an opposing armed force any time since June 30, 1958.

## C. SERVICE FLAG AND LAPEL BUTTON

1. Definitions. For this section, the following definitions apply:

a. Members of the Immediate Family. Includes wife, husband, mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, parent through adoption, foster parents who stand or stood in loco parentis, children, stepchildren, children through adoption, brothers, sisters, half brothers, and half sisters of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

b. Organization. Includes those group organizations such as churches, schools, colleges, fraternities, sororities, societies, and places of business with which the member of the Armed Forces of the United States was or is associated.

2. Policy

a. The Service flag authorized by Section 176, title 36, U.S.C. (reference (vv)) may be displayed in a window of the place of residence of persons who are members of the immediate family of Service members serving in the Armed Forces of the United States during any period

of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces of the United States may be engaged, for the duration of such period of war or hostilities.

b. The Service flag maybe displayed by an organization to honor the members of that organization serving in the Armed Forces of the United States during any period of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces of the United States maybe engaged, for the duration of such period of war or hostilities.

c. The Service Lapel Button authorized by DoD 1348.33-M (reference (n)) maybe worn by members of the immediate family of Service members serving in the Armed Forces of the United States during any period of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces of the United States may be engaged, for the duration of such period of war or hostilities.

3. Delegation of Authority. The Secretary of the Army is hereby designated to act as the Executive Agent of the Secretary of Defense for granting certificates of authority for the manufacture and sale of Service flags and Service Lapel Buttons conforming to the approved design described herein; providing appropriate design instructions to manufacturers; and administering the provisions of 36 U.S.C. 181 (reference (ww)), under which any person, firm, or corporation who manufactures such Service flag or Service Lapel Button without having first obtained such a certificate of authority, or otherwise violates reference (ww), shall, on conviction thereof, be fined not more than 1,000 dollars.

#### 4. Design

a. A design for the Service flag is approved, as follows:

(1) Flag for Immediate Family. On a white rectangular field a blue star or stars within a red border.

(a) The number of blue stars shall correspond to the number of Service members from the "immediate family" who are symbolized on the flag.

(b) The flag horizontally displayed shall have the stars arranged in a horizontal line or lines with one point of each star up (figure 10-1a).

(c) The flag described in subparagraphs C.4.a.(1)(a) and C.4.a.(1)(b), above, may be displayed vertically (figure 10-1b).

(d) If the Service member symbolized is killed or dies while seining, from causes other than dishonorable, the star representing that individual shall have superimposed thereon a gold star of smaller size so that the blue forms a border. When the flag is suspended, as against a wall, the gold star shall be to the right of, or above, the blue star (figures 10-1a and 10-1d). ,.

(2) Flag for Organizations. The flag for organizations shall correspond to that described for an immediate family in subparagraphs C.4.a.(1)(a) through C.4.a.(1)(d), above, subject to the following additional provisions:

(a) Instead of using a separate star for each Service member, one star maybe used with the number of Service members indicated by Arabic numerals, which shall appear below the star.

(b) If any Service members are deceased, as determined under the circumstances cited in subparagraph C.4.a.(1)(d), above, a gold star shall be placed nearest the staff, or above the blue star in the case of a flag used in a vertical display (figures 10-1.C and 10-1 d). Below that star shall be the Arabic numerals.

(c) The gold stars in both cases shall be smaller than the blue stars so that the blue shall form a border. The numerals in all cases shall be in blue.

(3) Color and Relative Proportions. The shades of colors used in the flag and the relative proportions shall be in accordance with manufacturing instructions furnished to licensed manufacturers by the Department of the Army.

b. Service Lapel Button. The Service Lapel Button shall be a blue star on a white rectangular field within a red border, 3/16 inch x 3/8 inch in over-all size (figure 10-1 e.). The shades of colors and the detailed dimensions shall be in accordance with manufacturing instructions furnished to licensed manufacturers by the Department of the Army.

## 5. Display of the Service Flag

a. The Service flag shall be treated with dignity and respect. When displayed with the flag of the United States, the Service flag shall be of approximately equal size, but never larger than the flag of the United States. The flag of the United States shall occupy the position of honor.

b. When the Service flag is displayed other than by being flown from a staff, it shall be suspended either horizontally or vertically.

c. Users are cautioned against the use of the Service flag for advertising purposes. It shall not be embroidered on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs; etc., printed, or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discarded; or used as any portion of a costume or athletic uniform. Advertising signs shall not be fastened to a staff or halyard from which the Service flag is flown.

d. For cautions against the improper use of the Service flag, users should be guided generally by Section 176, title 36 U.S.C. (reference (vv)), which apply to the flag of the United States of America.

## 6. Wearing of the Service Lapel Button

a. The blue star of the Service lapel button worn by members of the immediate family shall signify that one or more Service members are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States under the conditions specified in paragraph C.2.C., above. Multiple blue stars are not authorized.

b. A person eligible to wear the Gold Star Lapel Button, section B., above, may wear the Service lapel button in conjunction therewith, if that person is also entitled to wear the Service Lapel Button under paragraph C.2.c., above. A gold star is not authorized as part of the Service Lapel Button.

## 7. Application for Licensing

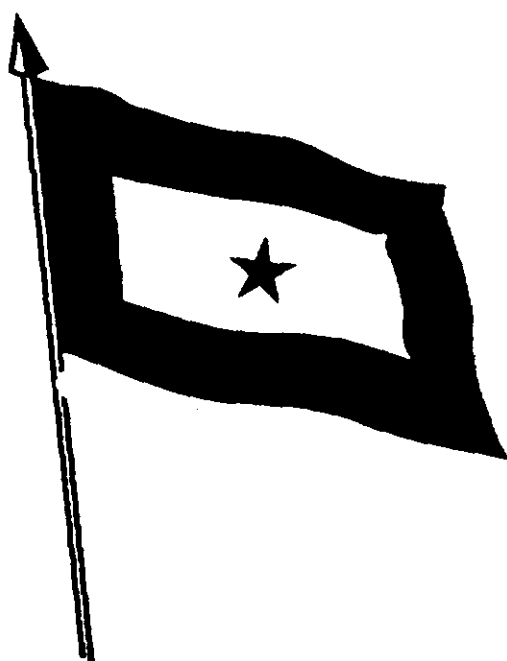
a. Applicants desiring to enter into the manufacture and sale of the Service flag or the Service Lapel Button should address applications to the Director, The Institute of Heraldry, 9325 Gunston Road, Suite 112, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5576.

b. A certificate of authority to manufacture and sell the Service flag or the Service Lapel Button shall be granted only on agreement in writing by the applicant that he or she shall not deviate in the manufacture or sale of the approved official Service flag or Service Lapel Button, as described in this Chapter. The certificate of authority shall refer to Section 181, title 36, U.S.C. (reference (ww)).

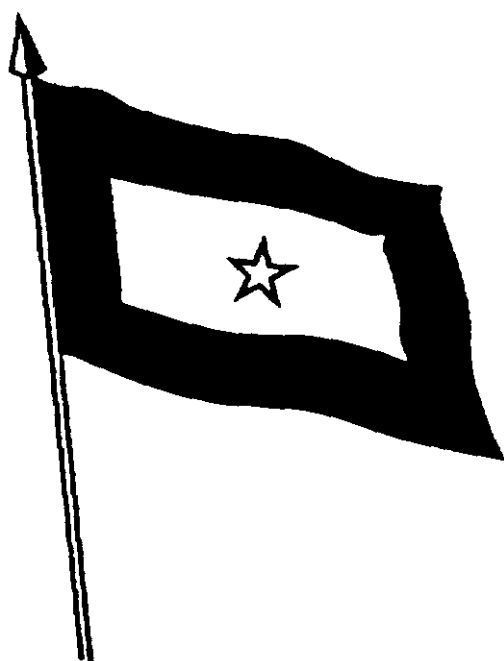
c. Drawings and instructions for the Service flag and the Service Lapel Button shall be provided to manufacturers with the issuance of their certificates of authority.

## 8. Purchase of Service Flag and Service Lapel Button

Service flags and Service Lapel Buttons must be procured from commercial sources. The Government does not have authority to manufacture, issue, or sell Service flags or Service Lapel Buttons.



Blue star on white rectangular field within red border.



Gold star superimposed on blue star, forming blue border.



Gold star nearest staff.

FIGURE 10-1 a. Service Flag for Immediate Family, Horizontal Position

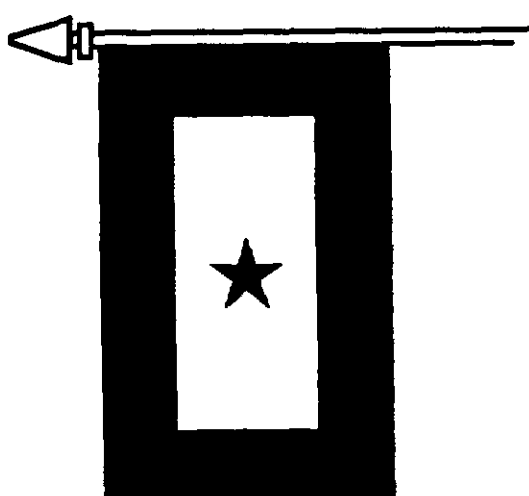


FIGURE 10-1b.

Service flag for immediate family, vertical position.

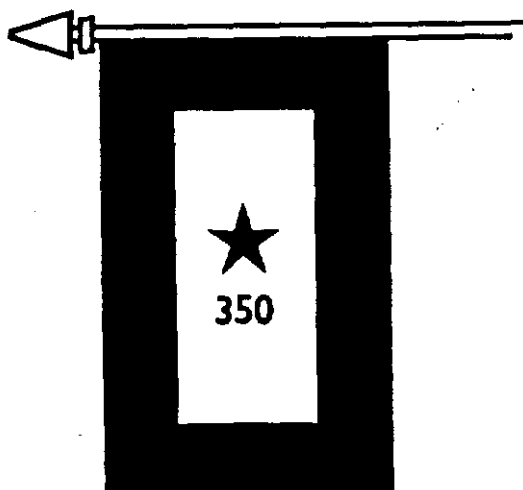


FIGURE 10-1c.

Service flag for organizations, vertical position, blue star with arabic numerals below star.

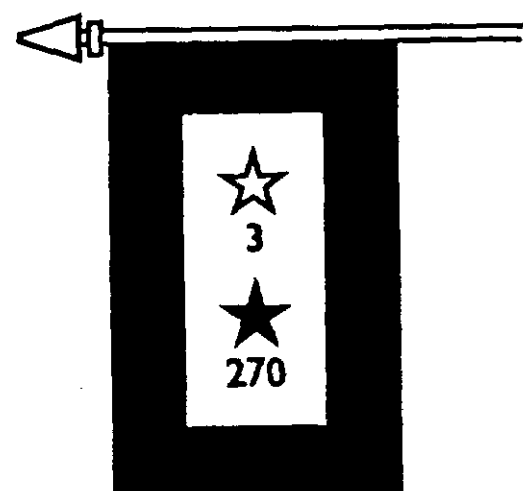


FIGURE 10-1d.

Service flag for organizations, gold star above blue star, with blue arabic numerals below stars.



FIGURE 10-1e.

Service lapel button, blue star on white rectangular field within red border.

[Scale: approx. three times actual size]

FIGURE 10-1. Service Flag for Immediate Family and Organizations